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Cast of Characters



Her doctor's report said "No obvious ill [11]-year-old cancer."



The heroine of the story.
Although she is only 17 years old,
she is an actress.



A recognized movie director
and writer is shown.



The load constant of the
spring is about 1.1



Murderer 1 singing solo,
and Rap-a-bout. Fred!

Thank you to **PIZZA** for providing the pizza for

Loyal Kiss

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HANDSOME
GIRLFRIEND
[7]





PLEASE,
JUST STOP
THINKING TO
GETHER WITH ARI!

YOU CAN'T
LET THIS
HOLD YOU
DOWN FOREVER

AND
ANYWAY,
YOU'RE NOT
REALLY IN
LOVE WITH
ARI,
ARE YOU?



ARI?

YES,
RIGHT?

AS IF I
COULD FALL
OUT NOW



YES, I
GET IT

YOUR
JEALOUS
JUST GOT IT
OUT. IT'S
AMAZING





IF YOU
DON'T LIKE IT,
THEN LET'S
BREAK UP.



I REALLY
DON'T CARE
OTHER WAY.

MAA
BREAK
UP?

This year (1994) in autumn, there was a collection of 5 Ribbon Magazine conventions scattered throughout Japan, where news of Horikawa becoming animated was released. So in the following five spaces, I'll tell you a bit about the anime OVA. Normally, each minute of animation comes from one page in a manga. Since the OVA was 35 minutes, normally speaking, they should base the story on about one episode in my manga. However, they wanted to use Part one of my manga (meaning, the first five volumes) as the base, so I had no idea how they were going to cram it all into just 35 minutes.

But the game script writer condensed the story so the main point was Mao's, Ideya's, and Aya's love-triangle, and the story flowed beautifully. But, unfortunately, in the process, several angles of the manga, and even several characters, never made it to the OVA. Rika, Teru-chan, Kanji, and Arthur were nowhere to be found. And since Osamu's special feelings for Mao were also cut out of the story, he became just an ordinary guy who happened to speak in Kanda-ben. (laugh)



"What? You really think so?"

(Ago is voiced by Kanae Ito)

All the fans of these two characters should especially watch the OVA. They are even better looking than they are in the manga. They have great voices, too (Olive is voiced by Inoue Kazuhiko, and Yasuaki is voiced by Atsumasa Yamanote). They both have beautiful voices. But I think the absolute cutest of them all, in the OVA, has to be Aya-duen.



But there are two characters who seem to stand out even more in the anime than they did in the manga. They're these two gentlemen: Mr. Olive and Yasuaki.

BUT,
EVEN SO

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
IT HURTS,



I WANT TO BE
WITH YOU

DON'T YOU
EVEN REALIZE IT
YOURSELF?



YOU'RE NOT
REALLY IN LOVE
WITH ME.

YOU'RE ONLY
IN LOVE WITH
YOURSELF.









ADAM!

AND I'M
RON

I'M JEFFREY

CALL ME
JEFF, OKAY?

I'M RIKO

I SAW
PRIVATE AL. IT
WAS REALLY
GOOD.



I'M UOK

WANT TO
MEET RON

MR. UOK
TO MEET
RON, TOO?



UNFORTUNATELY, I
CAME ALONG,
TOO.

THERE'S A
MULTI-THEATER
DOWNTOWN
THAT SHOWS
JAPANESE
MOVIES.
WHEN YOUR
MOVIE WAS SHOWN
THERE, THEY ALL
WENT TO SEE IT



WELL THEN, LET'S
GET STARTED.

WAGIE FLAU ARE
WE RAINING TODAY?

I HAD NO IDEA

YOU NEVER TOLD
ME ABOUT IT!

ROYE



Characters ②

Riko

Born in September 1972
Blood-Type B



Since America is a melting pot of people from many different races, I figured Karik's group should also be so. I had originally intended for Riko to be of Italian descent, but after I drew his picture, he looked more like an Arab.



WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?

JUST A LITTLE
SIMULATION GAME



YOU CAN HELP
US, TOO, OKAY,
DONNA?



ONE OF US COMES
UP WITH A PLAN FOR
A MOVIE.

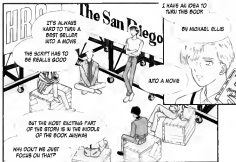
THEN, THE REST OF US
PLAN OUT THAT IDEA,
AND SEE IF IT WOULD
BE A HIT MOVIE.

WE BRAINSTORM ON
WHO'S GOING TO DIRECT,
WRITE THE SCRIPT, ACT,
AND EVERY OTHER
POSSIBLE PART OF THE
MOVIE PRODUCTION.



BRAINSTORM?

EVERYONE SAYS WHAT
POPS INTO HIS HEAD, NO
MATTER HOW SILLY, UNTIL
WE GET SOME GOOD
IDEAS



IT'S ALWAYS
HARD TO TURN A
BEST-SELLER
INTO A MOVIE

THE SCRIPT HAS TO
BE REALLY GOOD

I HAVE AN IDEA TO
TURN THIS BOOK

BY MICHAEL ELLIS

INTO A MOVIE

BUT THE MOST EXCITING PART
OF THE STORY IS IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE BOOK. ANYWAY

WHY DON'T WE JUST
FOCUS ON THAT?



SETH SAID
THIS WAS
A GAME, BUT
IT SEEMS
PRETTY
INTENSE
TO ME

But the
game of this
movie is in
New York.

NO! .
The main exploration
part of the story
comes at the end

SETH

I think what
the author
was trying to
express was

WHAT'S
THIS?



WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
SCOTT?

WHenever
we meet to
work on a
movie,

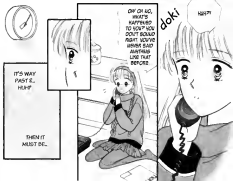
we always
joke and
laugh with
each other

I wonder
if these
guys are
like this all
the time?











It's
3 AM

I had
too many
things on my
mind and
couldn't
sleep!

ISN'T IT
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
NIGHT??

YES.

WASN'T
THAT IS
IT OVER
YET???



I HATE
MOVIE-MAKING
FRIENDS



Seriously,
are you
okay?!

Did
something
happen
to you?!



ABOUT
MOVIES
& MASTER-PIECES?

BUT
THEY ARE
EXTREMELY
SERIOUS

THEY ARE
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
THAN US

AND
THEY'RE
VERY
STRICT

WE MAKE
MOVIES
BECAUSE
IT'S FUN

MAKING
FUN IS
OUR TOP
PRIORITY



THE OVER
CONFIDENT ICHIYA
FEELS AWESQUATED

IT MUST HAVE
BEEN REALLY
SHOCKING TO HIM



Somehow,
I felt like
I lost to
them



doki



NO?

COME
TO LA

I MISS
YOU

NO WAY!

DID HE JUST
SAY "I NEED
YOU"??

DID ICHIKA
JUST SAY
THAT?!

I-

HE HAS NEVER
CALLED ME HIS
BEFORE!

**I'LL
COME!!**

Returned to
his senses

WOW,
NOT A
MOMENT!

SCREW IT
GIVE IT BACK
BECAUSE I NEVER
SAID THAT!

I'll come
over to be
with you!

I'll
come to LA!
I promised!

NOPE
WAY!



SO DON'T
GET MR
MURA IN
TROUBLE
BY TAKING
TIME OFF
WORK AND
SCHOOL,
OKAY?

BUT
YOU CAN'T
DO THAT.

But I'm not
doing it just
for you!

THANKS,
BUT I'LL
BE OKAY



HEE??

I mean
it's not like
you can
just hop
over here.

You have
school!

And
work!

I'll
STAY

I'll
STAY



I...

I NEED
YOU, TOO!

I NEED
TO SEE
YOU!



PLEASE
DON'T
LEAVE
ME
ALONE

ARE
SHIT!





AND MY PARENTS
UNDERSTAND
ME, SO I'M
SURE THEY'LL
LET ME GO

I'LL BE FINE
I'LL ASK MY
SISTER RIGHT
AWAY

But are you
sure you can
get a break
off work?

WAIT UNTIL
THEN, OKAY?

I PROMISE
I'LL COME
THIS SPRING



OHAYO

I CAN'T
WAIT!

.....
Charlotte

Nick

Born in November 1972
 Blood-Type A



The billboard construction plant, where Keith and his friends hang out at, is based off of the set of one of my favorite TV shows I talked about in volume 4, "Houston Nights" I hope they re-incorporate it soon!



SCHOOL
 VACATION
 IS THE TIME
 WHEN YOUNG
 ACTRESSSES
 MAKE A LOT OF MONEY.

AND KNOWING
 MELBA, HE
 PROBABLY HAS
 MY SCHEDULE
 FEAR ALREADY!



OR SO I
 HOPE.

I WONDER
 IF THEY'LL
 LET ME
 HAVE SOME
 TIME OFF!



ORAL!

LET'S GET
 GOING

GONNA
 TO KEEP
 BOY
 WAITING,
 NO?



WON'T
 GONNA
 TO BE IN A
 COMMERCIAL
 SOON!

I DON'T
 WANT A
 COMMERCIAL.

WHY WON'T
 HE LISTEN
 TO ME!!!!



THAT'S
 RIGHT,
 I HAVE
 SOME
 GOOD
 NEWS FOR
 YOU

NO!

MR.
 MELBA, I
 HAVE A
 REQUEST



Characters

Roy

Born in January 1973
Blood-Type O



The author of the book Roy brought up, Michael Ellis, does not exist. I combined the names of some popular young American authors and came up with his name that way. But speaking of young American authors, McKinley's, "Bright Lights, Big City" was really boring as a movie. I only watched it because I wanted to see Kiefer Sutherland. Speaking of him, I was very sad when he and Julia Roberts broke up. I had hoped they would get married.

I CAN
BE WITH
ICHIYAI

I'M
GOING
TO LA!

I GET
TO SEE
HIM!

COUGH CHOKE
COUGH





WHY ARE
YOU SO
WORRIED
ABOUT IT?



BUT...

I'M
KIND OF
SCARED
OF SHOU.



IF THAT'S
TRUE, THEN
THERE'S NO
PROBLEM.

IT SOUNDS
TO ME LIKE
SHOU IS MAKING
MOVES ON AIO, BUT SHE ISN'T
RESPONDING.



BUT AIO
HASN'T
NOTICED
THAT YET...

THAT'S
WHY I'M SO
WORRIED!

I DON'T BLAME
HER, THOUGH,
SINCE SHOU IS
ALWAYS ON HIS
BEST BEHAVIOR
AROUND HER.



HIS FIRST IMPRESSIONS
ARE ALWAYS REALLY
KIND AND CHEERFUL,
SO I DIDN'T NOTICE IT
AT FIRST, BUT AFTER
I'VE WORKED WITH HIM A
FEW TIMES, I CAME TO
NOTICE SOMETHING.

HE'S COLD
AND SEEMS
TO CARE
ONLY ABOUT
HIMSELF.

HE MAY
LOOK LIKE
IONNA, BUT
INSIDE, HE'S
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT!



MORI-
MOTO-
SAMPEI

YOU'RE STILL
OBSESSED
WITH ICHIKA,
I SEE.



I
KNOW,

BUT
STILL

ACHOO

I'M JUST
WORRIED
ABOUT HIM,
AS A
FRIEND

NO,
THAT'S
NOT IT!



ACHOO

I GET A
LITTLE
JEALOUS...

WHENEVER
I HEAR YOU
TALK ABOUT
HIM,

grumble
grumble



HMPH!

JEEEEEEZ!

SORRY! I'M

**STOP
COMPLAINING
ABOUT TRIVIAL
THINGS!!**

**I HAVEN'T SEEN
YOU IN A LONG
TIME, AND ALL I
TALK ABOUT IS
OTHER PEOPLE'S
PROBLEMS**

**I'M
SORRY!
TOO**

**SORRY
SORRY**

**PRIDE
ABOUT
ALL OF
THIS!**



TELL HIM TO
KEEP A CLOSE
WATCH OVER HIS
GIRL, BEFORE
SOMEONE ELSE
TAKES HER
FROM HIM.

THEN
WHY NOT
WRITE
HIM A
LETTER?



NO,
I
DON'T
THINK
SO.

He
sure
also
doesn't
trust
him.



GOOD
IDEA!

I think
I'll do
it.



JUST
SEND IT
TO HIS
STUDIO.

IT'S EASY
ENOUGH TO
FIND THAT
ADDRESS.

AND
IT'S NOT
LIKE I
CAN
ASK HIM.

BUT I
DON'T
KNOW HIS
ADDRESS!



THANKS!



If it were up to me, you
would come back to Japan,

confront Shou and tell him,
"stay away from my Mom", but
I guess you can't do that.



You still have a lot
of work left, right?

But Shou seems
dangerous to me, so
I'm worried.

Anyway, I'll keep watch
on Mio while you're gone, but
please try to at least phone
her every once in a while.

Even if a girl knows you love her,
she still needs to be reassured.





P. S. I'm enclosing
a picture of SHOJI.



I WONDER IF
THAT'S WHY
SHE WAS
ACTING SO
NERD THE
FIRST TIME I
CALLED



A LETTER?

IS IT
FROM MOP?

HE... HMM...
HE'S
KINDA
LOOK
LIKE
ME.



I KNOW
THIS BOY

HE'S A
JAPANESE
GUY,
RIGHT?

HE'S NAME WAS
SHOJI, RIGHT?



OHAYO

...PAPA?

NO, JUST
FROM A
PHONE



HI?? HOW DO
YOU KNOW HIM?

IS HE THAT
FAMOUS? HE'S
BARELY MADE HIS
DEBUT IN JAPAN.

NO.

WELL,
ACTUALLY...



BLAH.

I'M GOING
TO SHOW MY
SUPPORT, GIVE
HIM FLOWERS,
THEN TELL HIM
I'M GOING TO
LA TO BE WITH
JOHNSA AND
MAKE HIM GIVE
UP ON ME.



T.J.'S
CONCERT IS
TONIGHT,
RIGHT?

ARE YOU
GOING?



HOW
DO YOU
KNOW?

Oh, just
wanted
to listen
to the
concert.

Just don't
let your
heart out
a word?

DON'T
WORRY,
I'LL BE
FINE.

IF I DIDN'T
HAVE WORK,
I'D COME
WITH YOU!

FLYING
HEART

1998

and
 BELONGING
 SHOWN AS
 BEING,
 AFTER ALL.

1. **Identify the main idea**
 2. **Identify the supporting details**
 3. **Identify the conclusion**
 4. **Identify the evidence**

HOW DOES
THE CAST
MEMBERS
OF ACH
FEEL
IT?

100

HOW BETTER
PAY ATTENTION
TO WHAT'S
GOING ON,
OR YOU WON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY

SQUEAL SQUEAL

IT SEEMS THAT
WHATEVER YOU
WANT TO SAY
ESPECIALLY
HARD NOT TO
WAKE UP, YOU
DID AGAIN

THAT WAS
SOOOOO
FAIR!!

THREE
GIRLS
REALLY
ARE
FROM

Script

What
to
say
next

AND
DON'T
WOLF
FORGET
IT!

AND NOW,
WE HAVE A
SELECTION
FROM AOT
PROFILE II

FIRST, A
BLOOPER
FROM
FOUR

AAAAAAAAHAHA







THIS
JUST MIGHT
BE ONE BIG
COINCIDENCE.



WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

IS IT REALLY
THAT IMPORTANT?
WHAT HAPPENED
WITH SHOU?

BUT IF THE REASON OF
MITSUKI SHOU PURSUING
MID IS BECAUSE OF WHAT
ARTHUR JUST TOLD ME...



FLORIAN
MIDLAND

"WHO SAYS ANYTHING TO HER?"



DOES THIS
MEAN HE'S
GOING TO DO
SOMETHING
TO HER?

HAGIWARA







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SHOOULU!

SHOOULU!

HOW!

Sorry to
keep you all
waiting

Now it's time
for Traffic Jam's
concert.

BAM

AHHHH!

SHOOULU!

SHOOULU!

HER FANS
SURE ARE
EXCITED,
AND THE
CONCERT
HASN'T
EVEN
STARTED.





THE SCREAMS
OF HIS FANS ARE
ENVELOPING THE
STAGE!

I don't really know much about the voice actors these days, so for Osamu's actor, I requested someone who comes from the Kansai area. Then I left the rest of the casting to the staff. I think they all fit perfectly. When it was announced that Handasame would have drama CDs and an OVA, I got a lot of letters from fans requesting certain casting. I remember most people wanted Ichika to be voiced by Saki Toshikazu, so I suppose it's a nice coincidence that he ended up being voiced by Saki. A lot of people also wanted Yamaguchi Kayoko to voice Ichika. (But then again, lots of people said they wanted Saki Toshikazu to voice Osamu! I guess he's just a popular actor.) All the other requests were completely different, though. Especially with Mio. Everyone seemed to have a different opinion on what kind of voice she should have. Another character everyone agreed on was Atsuki. Since he was a member of a boy band, people wanted Sasaki Nozomu to voice him. But in the OVA, Atsuki didn't have any lines, so it didn't matter.



After all, Aya had her concert scene, her music video scene, and her junior high flashback scene, all in which her song was played by a popular idol of the time, CoCo. And on top of that, she was much cuter than Mio in the whole thing! "Sweetbros" Yeah, Mio wasn't really that cute in the OVA. Her face looked a little more like an adult's than in the manga, so I asked them to change her design a little, and they did, so I'm hoping she'll be okay in the finished product.



ESPECIALLY
SHO-KUN!



THE
POWER
OF ROCK
STARS
SURE IS
AMAZING!



THEY'RE ABLE
TO MAKE ALL THE
SOULS OF THEIR
FANS AS ONE





HE'VE
ALREADY
TAKEN
THE
BEST OF
THE
INSTRUMENT.

EVEN THOUGH
SHOU'S VOICE
IS STRONG, IT'S
SO REFLECTIVE.



IT ECHOES IN
YOUR BODY
AND DRAWS
YOU IN.



HE'VE
ALREADY
TAKEN
THE
BEST OF
THE
INSTRUMENT.



A LIVE CONCERT
MUST REALLY BE
THE TIME FOR THE
LEAD VOCALIST TO
SHINE. SHOU-KUN

HE REALLY
IS AMAZING!

YOU'RE
100 TIMES
BETTER
THAN
NORMAL



OUR LEADER
COMPOSED IT,
AS USUAL.



BUT THIS
TIME, I WROTE
THE LYRICS.



IT'S SCHEDULED
TO BE
RELEASED
NEXT MONTH
AS A
SINGLE.

OUR
LAST
SONG.

IS THE
NEW ONE
THAT WE
BARELY
FINISHED.



AND NOW,
I'LL SING
IT FOR
HER.

I
WROTE
THIS
SONG

FOR
MIO.

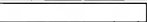


SINCE IT
WAS MY
FIRST TIME,
IT WAS
REALLY
DIFFICULT.

BUT I WROTE
THE LYRICS AS I
THOUGHT ABOUT
THE GIRL MOST
PRECIOUS TO ME.



YOUR FAVORITE





I'LL BE
THERE
SOON,
SO START
WITHOUT
ME.

YEAH, AT
SHIBUKAWA'S,
RIGHT?

HOW
SOON
WILL
WE'LL BE,
RIGHT?

OFKAI THEN,
WE'LL GO
ON AHEAD
OF YOU



See you
later



AND

THANKS
FOR THE
FLOWERS,
TOO.



BUT
IT'S NOT
FLOWERS
I WANT!



THINGS

SLAM



GOOD
WORK.

HOW WERE
GREAT UP
THERE.





YOU
WERE
ACTING.

SHOULD
KNOW,



I AM AN
ACTRESS,
AFTER ALL.

WHEN
YOU SAID
THAT, YOUR
HEART
WASNT
IN IT.



I SUPPOSE I
KNEW IT ALL
ALONG.

JUST
BELIEVE ME,
MID, I
REALLY...



HOW CAN
JUST PEOPLE
THAT LOOK
OFF YOUR
FACE IT
WOULD WORK
ON AN
ACTRESS.

ALIGHT



I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
STRANGE.

HOW COULD
YOU BE SO
CLOSELY TO
REALLY HAVING
ME WORK ON
THAT ACTRESS
SCENE?

HOW TELLING ARE
NOW LOVED ME,
EVERY THOUGH
HE HAD NEVER
MET BUT WHY?

ACT

Characters 35

Jeff (Jeffrey)

Birthday: February, 1993



The reason there's a black boy in Keith's group might have something to do with another TV show I mentioned in volume 6, "Computer Wars." One of the characters was a black boy named Jeremy. If they never rebroadcast that show, I hope they will at least release it on video. I'd buy it!





THAT WAS
ORIGINALLY MY
LAST RESORT!



THANKS

THANKS

I SEE

SO
EVEN IF I
TOLD YOU,
"I LOVE
YOU"
DURING AN
CONCERT,
IT STILL
WOULDN'T
WORK.









NOT THAT I REALLY
WANTED TO
BE IN THE
MOVIE ON
ANOTHER

THAT WAS
NEVER
HAPPENED
TO ME
BEFORE

BUT THAT I
WOULD EVER
WANT TO BE
ANYONE'S
REPLACEMENT



BUT
THEN,
I MET
YOU

AND
ALMOST
FORGOT
ABOUT
THE
WHOLE
THING

GOT BUSY
WITH THE
BAND'S
REHEARSALS,

WHEN
I WENT
BACK TO
JAPAN,



I THOUGHT
I'D LET
YOU TAKE
THE SAME
HOLIDAY
I HAD TO GO
THROUGH,

BECAUSE
OF HIM



THE MEDIA
WAS IN A
HURRY ABOUT
YOU BEING
TODAY'S
GIRLFRIEND

I THOUGHT
IT WOULD
FEEL GREAT
IF I COULD
STEAL YOU
FROM HIM.



NO, NO, NO
ACTY

I'M
LEAVING

SO
THAT'S
IT?

HOW
DIDST-
YOU?

SO NOW
WE'RE JUST
AFTER ALL
THESE YEARS
ALL ALONE



YOU'RE TOO
LATE FOR
YOUR OWN
GOOD!



DO YOU
THINK I'LL
LET YOU
LEAVE.

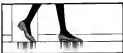
AFTER ALL
BARRAGANS
WISDOM LIKE
THAT?



FREE TALK ㊦

When the episode of T.J.'s concert came up, I wasn't too excited about mapping out the storyline. I mean, it's not really easy to draw a concert. I didn't know where to start! But then, my editor (who I just changed, so he's not the same editor to whom I've been referring in my past free talks!) called me, and I told him how much trouble I was having thinking about drawing the concert, and he agreed, saying that many people try too hard and the concert ends up losing its life force. He sounded so educated in that matter, that it made me not want to draw it even more. "Sweetdrop!" But I gritted my teeth and drew it eventually, mainly with an aftertaste.







YOU USED
TO SAY, "AS
LONG AS WE
CAN PLAY MUSIC
TOGETHER,
NOTHING ELSE
MATTERS,"

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
HOW YOU
USED TO
POSE?

EVER
SINCE WE
MADE
IT BIG,

YOU'VE
CHANGED

YOU LET THE
FANS GET TO
YOUR EGO,
AND NOW,
YOUR SOUL
IS GONE.



SO I
STAYED
WITH
YOU.

BUT
I STILL
LOVED
YOU.

BUT
I CAN'T
TAKE IT
ANY
MORE!

SHINOBU-



SLAM!

SHINOBU!

GOOD
BYE!!



HEY ARE
YOU STILL
HAPPY?

MR.
HAPPY



WHAT ARE
WE STRATEGIZING
ABOUT? LET'S
GO AFTER
HER!!



YOU IS NOT
THE TIME TO
DREAM THAT
UP!

I ALMOST
RAN YOU
BACK THERE,
OR HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN,
ALREADY?

YOU JUST
DON'T KNOW
WHEN TO
GIVE UP,
DO YOU?



GO
AFTER
HER.

HAPPY!!



IF YOU
LET HER GO
NOW, YOU'LL
REGRET IT
THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE.

THAT'S WHY
LOVE YOUR
SELF FIRST!
AND THEN
YOU'LL
KNOW THE
LIFE!!





I HAVE NO
REASON
TO BASH

IF
SOMEBODY
DOES,

PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.







SO THE
WATSON SHOW
MESS WAS
CLEARED UP?



YEAH,

BUT HOW DID
YOU KNOW
ABOUT IT?



WELL, MY
MOM'S A
FAN.

WELL, HIS
MOM SAID I
WAS "TIGHT"
WORKING.



THANKS
FOR
WORKING.

OH, SO
THAT'S
WHY YOU
CALLED.



YEAH, WHEN
ARTHUR TOLD
ME SHOW WAS
ORIGINALLY
SUPPOSED TO BE
MY FART IN THE
MOVIE. I WAS
WORRIED HE MIGHT
HOLD A GRUDGE
AGAINST ME.

AWA TOLD
ME IN A
LETTER
SHE JUST
SAID.



OH HEAVEN,
I'VE GOT
SOME BIG
NEWS FOR
YOU!

THE NEXT
COMMERCIAL
I'M IN...



MAYBE I
OUGHT TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET.



BUT IF I
SUDDENLY
APPEARED
OUT OF
NOWHERE...



NO.

IS WHAT
HE'LL SAY
CASUALLY,
AND THAT'LL
BE THE END.

I KNOW WHY...
IF I TELL HIM AHEAD OF
TIME THAT I'M COMING,
HE'LL ASSUME HIS
NORMAL POSE FACE.







USC = University of Southern California



THIS REALLY IS A
GREAT PLACE

IT'D BE LIKE HEAVEN
TO STUDY MOVIES IN
A PLACE LIKE THIS



THE CLASSES AT
USC ARE ALL GEARED
TOWARDS THE
HOLLYWOOD INDUSTRY,
AND INSPIRE CREATIVITY

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO COME
HERE, EVER SINCE
I WAS A KID



WHE MOTO?

YOU SHOULD
ENTER, TOO

Ahhh

IF I COULD
EVER GET IN

BUT I
CAN'T DO
THAT



I SERIOUSLY THINK
YOU SHOULD GO

IF YOU STAY
IN JAPAN, JUST
MAKING MOVIES,
YOU'LL JUST GET
SMALLER AND
SMALLER

YOU'LL ONLY GO
DOWN IN HISTORY AS
A FAMOUS JAPANESE
MOVIE DIRECTOR

IGHNA, YOU
HAVE GREAT
POTENTIAL

BUT UNLESS YOU
STUDY AT A GOOD
PLACE, YOUR TALENT
IS MEANINGLESS





HOW BECOME HIS
PARTNER, LONRA

UNLESS...



I KNOW I CAN BRING OUT
THE TALENT IN YOU

HIS CAN BECOME THE
LUCAS AND SPIELBERG
OF THE 80'S!





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IF YOU WANT TO
MAKE MOVIES THAT
WILL BE SHOWN
WORLD WIDE, AMERICA
IS YOUR BEST BET.

I'M SURE
YOUR FRIENDS WOULD
UNDERSTAND THAT
YOU'RE DOING WHAT'S
BEST FOR YOU.

OR ARE YOUR
FRIENDS THE TYPE
WHO WOULDN'T
BE HAPPY FOR
YOUR SUCCESS?



NO,
THEY'RE
NOT?

THEN, THERE'S
NO PROBLEM.



ANYWAY,

THINK OVER IT
SOME MORE.



AND IF YOUR FRIENDS
ARE TALENTED AND
EXCITED ENOUGH,

CALL THEM
OVER TO L.A.







Dubbing was really, really interesting. The voice actors couldn't use their expressions or anything, only their vocal performance. Their vocals alone were quite amazing,

but the story made facial expressions. As expected, they weren't different from regular actors at all.

To me, that was interesting.

In this one scene, Akira-san (Omoro Matsuyaka-san) was simply calling Mai. It was a scene I loved dearly. I wanted to be the one that was answering!

However, one could say of women that their admiratory remarks can't stand without indolence, though voice actors are serious.

However, Akira-san sure is playful.

My Thoughts

Since one could say those sorts of lines should be spoken with a slender and more beautiful voice, the tale of voice actresses should be a sort of secret story, I guess.





FREE TALK ③

When I mentioned those two children's books in a free talk in volume 4, no one really knew the title of the first one, but many knew the second one. It's called "Ojou-san ga Ippai" Thanks for telling me, guys. I bought it right away and re-read it! And I noticed how unique the story was. It's not like the boy did anything wrong, but like science fiction, the story put him into big trouble. (By giving him strange dreams, making him unable to return home, unable to leave his room, etc.) And on top of all that, the story never turned around for him and ended with a sad ending! "Sweet-drop"

Since most children's stories aren't like this at all, it was refreshing for me to read, but I worry about young children reading it and having nightmares.





OKAY



DON'T
MIND FOR
GET ANY-
MORE!



I'M SURE
YOU'LL
GROW TO
LOVE HIM
WHEN YOU
MEET HIM

AND
DON'T
BOther

WHEN ICHIKA
COMES BACK
TO JAPAN,
I'LL
INTRODUCE
YOU

OH
YEAH,



JUST
STOP
DISMISSING
YOUR LOVE
LIFE WITH
ME

EVEN
THOUGH ICHIKA
HIMSELF ISN'T
REALLY
LOVABLE

I
WOULDN'T
MIND



YOU
SEE,

ICHIKA IS
LOVED BY
EVERYONE
AROUND HIM





LOOKS LIKE
WE FINALLY
GOT HERE



HOPE,
I'M
FRESH!

I DON'T
REALLY MIND,
BUT AREN'T YOU
EXHAUSTED?

HOW DIDN'T
SLEEP AT
ALL IN THE
PLANE



PLEASE?

I CAN
HAVE THREE
DAYS TO
SPEAK WITH
HIM. I DON'T
WANT TO
WASTE THE
FIRST ONE.



RIGHT
NOW? I'M
SURE HE'S
NOT THERE,
RIGHT NOW
HE MUST BE
AT WORK.

HEY,
AFTER HE
CHECKS IN,
CAN I GO TO
EDDY'S
HOTEL?

I'LL
WAIT
FOR HIM
UNTIL HE
COMES
BACK.



NOT
UNTIL
I SEE
HIM.

I CAN'T
SLEEP
NOW.



I'M
NOT
ON THE
PHONE

I CAN'T
SLEEP
UP
WITH HIM.



I NEED TO
SEE HIM AS
FAST AS
POSSIBLE!

I CAN'T STOP
THIS FEELING.
I CAN'T WAIT
ANYMORE.



MOM,
SUDDENLY,
MY HEART'S
POUNDING.



I MIGHT
BURST INTO
TEARS WHEN
I SEE HIM...



AH,
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



THEN
HE'LL
SCOLD
ME FOR
CRYING!



THAT'S WHAT
THE LADY AT
THE FRONT
DESK SAID

HE
CHECKED
OUT??



DO YOU THINK
THE MOVIE MIGHT
BE FINISHED
AND HE'S BACK
IN JAPAN?

DO YOU
KNOW?

THE
WORKING



WHY

DO YOU
I P



HEARTY
WHO
MOTIV

I
DON'T
TELL
HIM



THAT
CAN'T
BE

DID HE
TELL YOU
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT?
HE KNOWS
YOU'RE
COMING
TODAY,
RIGHT?

THEN HE
PROBABLY
MOVED TO
ANOTHER
HOTEL



I DIDN'T
PLAN FOR
SOME-
THING
LIKE THIS
AT ALL

IGHIYAI



OKAY?

WE'LL
BE SURE
TO CATCH
UP WITH
HIM AT THE
STUDIO

OKAY



GET SOME
SLEEP FOR
TODAY, AND
WE'LL CHECK
HIS STUDIO
TOMORROW

HEY,
YOU DON'T
LOOK SO
GOOD



IGHIYAI

WILL I REALLY SEE
YOU TOMORROW?

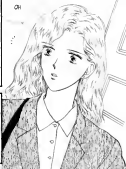
WHY AREN'T
YOU HERE?

WHY DID
YOU LEAVE?





OH





SORRY ABOUT THAT, I HAVE TO LEAVE NOW

OH, NO PROBLEM

TAKE CARE



THERE'S TROUBLE ON BUSINESS POSSIBILITY

OHAY, I'LL BE THERE RIGHT AWAY



SHE'S A DETECTIVE IN THE LAPD



SLAM!



A GOOD DETECTIVE AND A DETECTIVE!

WOW, THAT'S AN EYE FOR AN EYE

KEITH, JARVIS SAID THAT HE WAS WORRIED YOU DIDN'T LIKE HIM ANYMORE



THEY MET WHEN DAD WAS STILL AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FILMING A COP-MOVIE

BUT BOTH OF THEM HAVE GRADUATE AT THEIR JOBS, AND ON TOP OF THAT, THEY BOTH CHOSE THEIR JOBS OVER ANYTHING ELSE, SO AFTER YEARS OF NOT SEEING MUCH OF EACH OTHER, THEY FINALLY GOT A DIVORCE

GOOD THING I DIDN'T FALL IN WITH THE WRONG GROUP

Characters ③

Leslie Campbell

Birthday: May, 1968
Blood-Type: A



During the two months vacation I had between parts 1 and 2 of Handsome, I went on a trip with the winners of the "Miss Ribbon Grand Prix Western Vacation" sweepstakes (how are you girls doing these days?). Four days after the trip, I stayed behind in LA and took lots of pictures. I got the design for Leslie's house while on a bus going down Highland Avenue. There were lots of cute houses lined up like this one.





THAT'S

I HAVE TO
GIVE HIM AN
ANSWER.

WHEN WE FINISH
FILMING THE MOVIE.



I GUESS
HE'S GIVING
ME TIME TO
THINK IT
OVER.

EVER
SINCE THEN,
KOTHI NEVER
BOUGHT IT
UP AGAIN.

Forget
about
Japan!



HAGIWARA,

HURRY
UP AND
COME,
OKAY?

I DON'T
WANT TO
THINK ABOUT
IT ANYMORE.

I JUST
WANT TO
SEE HER
SMILE.

I'LL ADMIT
I WOULD LIKE
TO STUDY
MOVIES AT
USC.

IT'S BEEN MY
DREAM, BUT...



IT WAS SHEER COINCIDENCE
THAT I SAW PRIVATE AL

BECAUSE OF IT,
I RECOGNIZED
ICHIYA'S NAME
FROM ONE
OF DAD'S OLD
MOVIES.



WITHOUT
FAIL...

I WILL MAKE HIM
MY PARTNER.

BUT THAT WAS
THE BEST THING
THAT COULD HAVE
HAPPENED TO ME.

WHEN I SAW
ICHIYA'S MOVIE,
I KNEW THAT I
COULD DO SOME
GREAT WORK
WITH HIM.

THAT'S WHY I GOT A
JOB WORKING WITH THE
STAFF OF THIS MOVIE.

IT WAS ALL TO GET
CLOSER TO ICHIYA.



SHOCK



ACC STUDIO

YOU CANNOT SEE
HIM WITHOUT AN
APPOINTMENT.



CREAK

AND MR. KENAGAN
ISN'T EVEN HERE
TODAY.

THEN,
AT LEAST
LET ME SEE
MR. KATOW!
PLEASE!

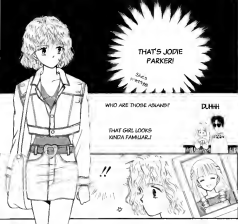
I JUST HAVE
TO SEE ICHISA.

I'M SORRY, BUT
THAT'S OUT OF MY
JURISDICTION.



Ah!









THAT I'LL GIVE
HIM THIS HEAD?

crinkle







8:15

9:02

10:31



HE STILL
HASN'T
CALLED.



MAYBE I
SHOULD
GO TO THE
STUDIO
AGAIN?

2:40

BUT IT'S
NOT LIKE
THEY'LL LET
ME IN.



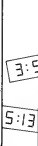
I WONDER IF
HE'S BUSY AT
REHEARSAL?

1:14

BUT YOU
WOULD THINK
HE COULD CALL
ME AT LUNCH.



I WONDER IF
HE'LL CALL



MAYBE
JOE
FORGOT
TO GIVE IT
TO HIM

I WONDER
IF HE EVEN
GOT MY
NOTE YET?

OR
MAYBE
HE'S
BACK



I SHOULD HAVE
TOLD HIM I WAS
COMING TO LA

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE TRIED
TO BE SO
ROMANTIC

I ALREADY
KNOW THAT

WHY DO I HAVE TO
BE SO DENSE?

EVEN IF HE
DOESN'T SHOW IT,
I'M SURE KHYA'S
GLAD TO SEE ME

ALL I WANT,
IS TO BE
WITH HIM.

I CAME ALL THIS
WAY, JUST FOR
HIM. HE'S BARELY
A MILE AWAY!



ICHIYA!!



OH,
YOU'RE STILL NOT
CHANGED YET?



REHEARSAL
FOR THE NEXT
SCENE STARTS
IN A MINUTE

WHA? I STILL
HAVE PLENTY
OF TIME



YEAH I BOUGHT
THEM WITH SOME
EXTRA CHARGES I
WANTED TO GET
RID OF

WANT
SOME?



HELLA
BELLER!







KEITH!

YEAH,
YOU'RE PRETTY
ALL RIGHT

YOU'RE THE
PRETTIEST GIRL
IN THE WHOLE
WIDE WORLD!



BUT ONE DAY...

KEITH!



12 years
old

THAT'S
RIGHT!

I HEARD YOU
AND RINO AND
THE OTHERS
ARE MAKING
A MOVIE!

10 years
old

IS IT TRUE
YOU'RE GOING
TO BE PLAYING
THE HEROINE?



FROM THAT DAY
ON, I PUT IN A LOT
OF HARD WORK
UNTIL BECOMING
AN ACTRESS,

SO I COULD BE
IN KEITH'S MOVIE!

I STARTED
DANCE AND ACTING
LESSONS AND TOOK
CARE OF MY LOOKS

I NEVER SAID TO
FILM ONLY NOW

THE HEROINE OF
THIS FILM DOESN'T
SUIT NOW

YEAH

ANDY

I THOUGHT NOW
TOLD ME NOW
WOULD FILM ME!

GONN

NNNG

sticky
sticky

SMELL HOW
THE HEROINE?

HE, ANDY

Debut



*FURY IF
THAT'S THE WAY
YOU FEEL.*

*I'LL NEVER
BE IN ANY OF
YOUR MOVIES.*

*I'LL BECOME A
REAL ACTRESS, AND I'LL
STAR IN REAL MOVIES IN
HOLLYWOOD, SO THERE!*

POSE OF DETERMINATION



*SO KETH CAN
JUST KISS MY ASS
FOR ALL I CARE!*

*RIGHT AFTER THAT, I
ENTERED THE STUDIO THAT
NOW SPONSORS ME.*

*THEY TURNED ME
INTO A CHILD-STAR,
THEN A FULL-BLOWN
ACTRESS.*

DUDE!



IS IT JUST ME,

*OR DO YOU DECIDE TO BE
THE SUPPORTING ACTRESS
IN THIS MOVIE SO YOU
COULD BE NEAR KETH?*



*AND I'LL NEVER
BE IN ANY OF HIS
MOVIES IF HE
BECOMES A
DIRECTOR.*

*BUT IT REALLY
Pisses ME OFF, YOU
KNOW? I'M IN ALL
THESE LOVE SCENES
AND THE TABLOIDS
ARE ALL ABOUT ME,
BUT HE NEVER
GETS JEALOUS!*

*HELL, MAYBE
I WILL IF HE
APOLOGIZES
FIRST.*



YOU CAN
KEEP IT.

YOU SHOULD BE
MORE HONEST
WITH YOURSELF.



WELL, THEN,
GUESS TO
BETTER
CHANCE.

OH, YOU
FORGOT?



WHAT?

RENNY!



HOW CAN I
KNOW THAT?

YOU HAVE
TO TELL ME
FIRST.

THEN I WON'T
TELL YOU.

WHAT?



WHAT?

WILL YOU
GET MAD?



YOU'RE A
PRETTY NICE GUY
AFTER ALL!

NOW I FEEL
TERRIBLE.

ACTUALLY, I JUST
DID SOMETHING
TERRIBLE TO YOU.





I MIGHT
NEVER SEE
HIM.

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

ICHIYA!

YOU NEVER
CALLED ME.

AFTER THIS
COMMERCIAL,
I HAVE TO
GO BACK TO
JAPAN.



STOP
THINKING
ABOUT
THAT.

YOU'RE
AT WORK
NOW!

OH,
NOTHING?

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
WID-
OW?



LOOKS LIKE
THEY FILMING
SOMETHING.

OH, ISN'T THAT
JAPANESE?





MUST BE A
COMMERCIAL.

LET'S GO.

IT COULDN'T
BE HER!







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AH!!









So anyway, since Osamu's hair is dark blue, and Ichika's hair is a light brown, it looks strange when the two of them are next to each other, since their colors seem to be switched. At first, I thought it didn't look right, but after a while, you get used to it.



I was already sort of "used" to the names already, I did have a stroke in the last

by the way

When I watched the OVA for the first time, the thing that surprised me the most was that **OSAMU'S HAIR WAS DARK BLUE**!! (or more along the lines of indigo)

When they first released some cels back in September, Osamu's hair was light brown, but I had no idea they'd make such a drastic change. I'll admit it's strange that I colored Mei's hair blond even though she's Japanese, but you can take these sorts of liberties with manga; not with anime. Asian hair colors tend to be blue or green, and Hozuka Rinoru's hair is purple. I wonder if he dyes it? Are you a thug, Manoru?

SORRY,
I'LL BE
BACK
SOON!!

ICHIYA IS
LEAVING ME!



FREETALK

And, incidentally, Rei's hair is the same color as Osamu's.



So they look like this. I figured you all would be shocked by the color change, so I drew this picture. Just look at it for a while before you watch the DVD.

It didn't look too bad to me, though.



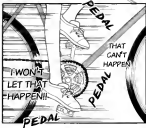
Osamu's was a dark brown.

I don't care what color the hair is.



I think I look pretty good with the hair.







WHY
WON'T
THE BUS
STOP?!



pedal!



honk honk

HURRY UP
AND STOP!

I'M TIRED!

WHERE'S
THE NEXT BUS
STOP?!

gulp!

DIRECTLY
BEHIND

honk
honk





HE
LEFT...

HE'S
GONE...



I CAN'T SEE
HIM NOW...



I CAN'T
SEE HIM
NOW!!



HAGIWARA!





GOOD THING
I WAS
LOOKING.
WHEN DID
YOU COME
TO L.A.?

I
SAW YOU
ON THAT
BICYCLE
FROM THE
WINDOW.

I GOT
OFF AT THE
BUS STOP
AROUND THE
CORNER AND
CAME BACK
HERE.



WHY WERE
YOU HERE?

I THOUGHT
YOUR BUS
LEFT...



I'M
SORRY.

YOU MUST
HAVE SENT
A POSTCARD
TO MY OLD
ADDRESS
AND I DIDN'T
GET IT.

AH, I
GUESS YOU
COULDN'T.
I DIDN'T TELL
YOU MY
ADDRESS,
DID I?

I WISH
YOU HAD
TOLD ME
BEFORE
YOU CAME.



SAD



I GUESS
I JUST-

HEH







MURA HAS
NEVER BEEN
THIS MAD AT
ME BEFORE...

OH NO...



NO MEANS
NOW YOU'RE
GOING HOME
TOMORROW!

MURA
SAY



drip

drip

I CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT...



drip

I CAN'T
HELP IT

IT
WAS MY
FAULT.

drip



IF I HAD TOLD
HER ABOUT MY
NEW ADDRESS,
SHE WOULDN'T
HAVE ACTED SO
RECKLESSLY.

IT
WAS
MY
FAULT



I'M
SORRY

NOW
DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE
GOING TO
CRY TOO...

FORGIVE
HER! PLEASE.



I SWEAR
THAT WE
WILL FIND
THEY'RE PARENTS

PRINCE

I'LL CONTACT
YOUR AGENCY
AND SEE WHAT
I CAN DO



OH, OUR WORK
SCHEDULES
SO IT'S THE
ONLY WAY TO
GET TOGETHER

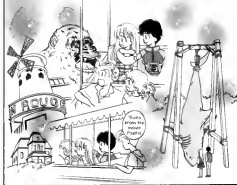
ALL
BUT THAT'S
OKAY...

I ALWAYS
END UP
SPENDING
MUCH...

RIGHT?









THIS IS
WEST-
WOOD

IT'S
UCLA'S
CAMPUS
TOWN



IT'S
REALLY
COLLEGE
STUDENT-ISM
TO ME



LOTS OF
KIDS LOVE
THEATRES



THAT'S
ARTHUR
AND
LESLIE

OH!







I'M JUST
HAPPY TO
WALK SIDE
BY SIDE WITH
HIM AGAIN.



THERE
HE GOES,
BEING
MR. COOL
AGAIN.



OH
WELL,



TO BE
HOT ONES
IN A
WHILE

IT'S
OKAY



squeeze

...HER
LIPS BUSHED
MY HAIR...

THE INSTANT
HE PULLED ME
TO HIM...

MY HEART
FEELS LIKE
IT'S GOING
TO BURST

Let's
go to
LACUA

There can't
be any school
suspensions
in the
LORDS.

HE'S NEVER BEEN
SO AFFECTIONATE
WITH ME BEFORE!

I KNOW IF I
ASK YOU, YOU'LL
JUST CHUCKLE
SHYLY AND NOT
ANSWER.

DO YOU
LOVE ME?

DO YOU
REALLY
LOVE ME?

HOW MUCH
DO YOU
LOVE ME?

I'LL FIND
THE ANSWER
MYSELF.

BUT INSIDE
YOUR GENTLE
EYES...

I CAN
BELIEVE IN
THAT....

CAN'T I?







IT ALMOST
SEEMS...

LIKE THIS IS
A DREAM...



YOU SEE A
BIG GLITTERY
THING OVER
THERE, RIGHT?

THAT'S THE
DOGBER'S
STADIUM!

AND
NEXT TO
THAT IS...

AND KHIYA'S
VOICE IS SO
SOOTHING...











I WANT SON
TO DIRECT IT,

ICHHA.



I HOPE THAT THIS MOVIE'S
SUCCESS WILL MOVE ME UP
FROM SCRIPT-WRITER TO
PRODUCER SOMEDAY.

IT'S MY BIG
CHANCE.



IT'S MY BIG
CHANCE—

AND IT'S
ALSO SON'S.





I DON'T
WANT
TO HURT
YOU...

MIO...

I DON'T
WANT
TO LOSE
YOU...



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?















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AAAAAAAAAAAA!





FREETALK:

Even though Handsome was not a magical girl series or a fantasy series, it still was popular enough to become an anime and yield a few companion items and there, so I consider myself very lucky. I also felt lucky when they released the image album. I also have lots of fun helping with the various projects based off of this story, and I like seeing the results.

So what I'm trying to say is that I really enjoyed the OVA! But I don't know how fans of the manga will react. After all, it's impossible for the images to be the same as in the manga! And the atmosphere of the anime seems a little more passionate than the manga. Plus, it's the digest version. And, I know a few of you will think some of the voices don't fit the characters.



The soundtrack CD contains three songs sung by CoCo and lots of BGM, lot of which I love, especially the music played in Miyuki's debut scene.

And I love the theme song from the OVA, music number 13 on the disc. Love that, right?



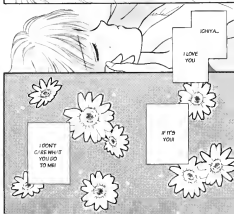
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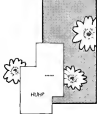
Some of you are very attached to the way the manga is, but I hope you can watch the OVA with an open mind and forget about the art style being off, or certain things being not the way you had wanted, but instead find joy in the aspects of the anime that can't be expressed in the manga like the characters talking and moving. I think the soundtrack goes on sale in December and the OVA in January, so please buy them, okay?

Oh yes, and thanks to all of you who also bought the image album.











SLAM

UHHHHH









SHE'S DONE AN
IMPORTANT PART
OF MY LIFE, EVER
SINCE I WAS A KID.

I CAN'T
CLASSIFY HER AS
"ONE OF MY MAJOR
GIRLFRIENDS."

I DON'T
WANT TO HURT
HER FEELINGS.

I'M NOT READY TO
MAKE A COMMITMENT
TO HER YET.



THAT
SOUNDS
A LOT LIKE
THE WAY
I USED
TO BE.

I GUESS
I CAN
UNDERSTAND
THAT.



IN A COUPLE DAYS,
YOU'LL HAVE TO
LEAVE HER.

THIS IS YOUR
LAST CHANCE.



AT LEAST FOR
TONIGHT, YOU
SHOULD SPEND
YOUR TIME
WITH ME.

WELL...



WELL... I GUESS
EVENTUALLY,
SHE'LL FIND SOME-
ONE BETTER
THAN ME.

BUT SONNA,
ARE YOU SURE
YOU WANT TO
SLEEP IN MY
ROOM?



YOU STILL
CAN'T MAKE UP
YOUR MIND?

YOU'RE MORE
HESITANT
THAN I THOUGHT

KETH?

I CAN'T GIVE YOU
AN ANSWER ABOUT
THE MOVIE, YET!

OH DEAR,

NO MATTER HOW
HARD I PUSH HIM,
HE NEVER RELENTS.



WHAT'S HOLDING
HIM BACK?

MUST BE
HIS GIRL!

PR
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WHAT'S THE MATTER?

NOTHING



OH OH NO NOT AGAIN!

IF I MAKE LOVE TO YOU NOW, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO LET YOU GO BACK TO JAPAN!

THE REASON I COULDN'T SLEEP WELL LAST NIGHT IS BECAUSE I COULDN'T GET THAT LINE OUT OF MY HEAD!



BUT I'M HERE



SURE



I'M MAKING SOME COFFEE WANT SOME?



ICHIBA IS AHEAD OF ME!

I GUESS THAT



LET'S GO TO WORK SOMEBODY IN THE MORNING

HE LOOKS LIKE HE SLEPT LIKE A LOG



BUT

I GUESS THAT'S OKAY.











GOMI'S CAFE



FREE TALK ③

L.A. really is a hard place to get around without a car, so it was difficult for me to go sightseeing when I was there. But I got to go to USC, which I really wanted to draw well for the manga, so that's good enough.

The cafe Mio and Koki are in now is called "Gorky's Cafe." It's a self-serve Russian cafe, which seemed to be very popular at the time. Michelle and Vicky, whom I both mentioned in a free talk in volume 5, took me there. (And their roommates, Barry, came along, too). They all brought me some souvenirs, including some T-shirts from USC, like the t-shirt Ichigo wears at the airport in the volume, but it's actually about sleeveless.

This picture didn't make it into the manga, but the title picture used in the June's issue of Ribbon Magazine was an art museum in L.A. called, "Moca."









STAYING WITH
US IN L.A. IS
A BIG CHANCE
FOR HIM

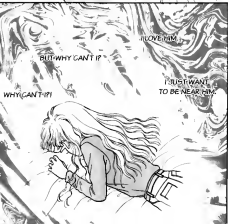




Squeeze!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S
HOLDING HIM BACK FROM
HIS DREAMS.

IF YOU REALLY LOVE HIM,
YOU SHOULD BACK OFF
AND LET HIM BE FREE.



BUT WHY CAN'T I?

I LOVE HIM.

I JUST WANT
TO BE NEAR HIM.

WHY CAN'T I?



HEP!
SOMEONE'S
TALKING?



IT'S JUST
D-D DREAM!



AW!
I MUST'VE
FALLEN
ASLEEP...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
OSAKA?



THAT'S
RIGHT.

OSAKA!



FREE TALK ⑧

One place I want to visit I never could and up using in this manga is Malibu Beach. As-dum and I were talking about how silly it would be if the best from "Miami Blue" was surfing behind Kirby and Tokyo as they talked, but this is the Pacific Ocean!

So I thought that maybe everyone would be swimming, but they haven't. Some people surf, but the rest of them hang out by the sand in their swimtrunks (just to see, I hear).

Apparently, the water is cold. But all of you know that? I told her that it was like that, so I was very surprised.

Well, see you again in volume 8.

IF YOU'RE
GONNA
HANG AROUND
HOLLYWOOD'S
THE PLACE
TO DO IT!

I THINK

IT IS TOO
GOOD AN
OPPORTUNITY
TO PASS
UP ON





BUT NOW
HE'S LOST
BECAUSE
OF ME.

HE'S
USUALLY
SO SURE OF
HIMSELF,

BECAUSE
OF ME, HE'S
LOSING SIGHT
OF HIS DREAM.

IT'S ALL
MY FAULT!

L.A. International Airport











I'M LUCKY SHE WAS
SUCH AN UNDER-
STANDING GIRL.

SHE REALLY
DOES LOVE YOU.



I DID IT FOR
YOU, ICHIKA.

JUST KISS
UP ALREADY!



I ASKED HER
TO BREAK UP
WITH YOU.



WHAT

KATTSUDDO

DID YOU TELL
HER SOMETHING?





COME ON!

I KNOW
YOU'RE
OVER
THERE.

HAGGLES!

Cottails

WANT?

SAMPLES

HOW IDIOT!
STOP DECIDING
THINGS ALL
BY YOURSELF!

LISTEN
TO WHAT
I HAVE
TO SAY!





GOOD BYE...



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